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Applicant : Galo F. ACOSTA et al.
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY STATEMENT

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Director of the United States Patent
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Dear Sir:

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b) the undersigned hereby submits this statement of the substance of the interview dated August 19, 2004.

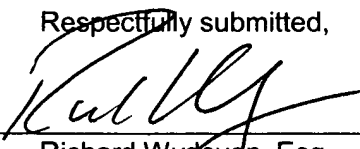
During separate interviews with Examiner Cross and the Examiner's supervisor, Examiner Warden, applicants' representative urged reconsideration of the arguments – first presented in the June 30, 2004 Response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004 – for withdrawal of the rejection based on Hewett (U.S. 4,554,839). Upon reconsideration by the Examiners, the rejection was withdrawn.

Examiner Warden requested that independent claim 26 be amended to clarify the position of the substance transfer device positioning structure relative to the first and second receiving structures. Applicant and the Examiners agreed that amending claim 26 to recite "a substance transfer device positioning structure associated with adjacent to said first and second receiving structures . . ." would provide sufficient clarification.

Examiner Cross indicated that she would make the agree-upon amendment to claim 26 by Examiner's amendment and would issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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